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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION MOSCOW FROM SECSTATE MAY 30

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 125598

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PROPERTIES FOR CONGEN KIEV

REF: MOSCOW 7236

1. DEPARTMENT ENCOURAGED THAT SOVIETS APPARENTLY RESPONDING TO OUR DESIRE TO BE SHOWN ACCEPTABLE PROPERTIES IN KIEV. WE NOTE THAT THEY HAVE NEGLECTED TO ADDRESS QUESTION OF DACHA, WHICH WE CONSIDER ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF PROPERTY PACKAGE, BUT WHIICCH IS PROBABLY DIFFICULT ITEM FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES GIVEN LACK OF RECREATIONAL PROPERTY FOR OTHER CONSULATES.

2. DEPARTMENT HOPES THAT KIEV OFFICIALS WILL OFFER MORE COMPREHENSIVE TOUR OF BUILDINGS OFFERED, INCLUDING INTERIORS, AND PRESENTATION OF RELEVANT FLOOR PLANS FOR OUR CONSIDERATION. WE FEEL THAT KIEV AUTHORITIES SHOULD NOT OBJECT TO OUR MAKING PHOTOCOPY OF FLOOR PLANS OF BUILDINGS AND APARTMENTS AS THEY NOW CONNFIGURED, PROVIDINGG NEW OFFERS APPEAR TO HOLD SOME INTEREST FORR EVENTUAL CONGEN USE. LENINGRAD AUTHORITIES PROVIDED US WITH FLOOR PLANS ON FIRST VISITS TO BUILDINGS OFFERED
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THERE IN 1970 AND ALSO PERMITTED COMPLETE TOURS OF BUILDING INTERIORS.

3. PHOTOS TAKEN ON LATEST TRIP TO KIEV WERE OF CON-

SIDERABLE USE TO DEPARTMENT IN EVALUATING OFFERS, AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE SIMILAR PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE OF FORTHCOMING VISIT, BUT ON BLACK AND WHITE KODAK TRI-X OR PLUS-X FILM TAKEN WITH 35 MM OR WIDER ANGLE LENS. PLEASE START AND END PHOTO COVERAGE OF ANY PARTICULAR BUILDING OR APARTMENT WITH SHOT OF ADDRESS PLATE, AND LEAVE ONE BLANK FRAME BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL BUILDINGS. NEIGHBORHOOD VIEWS, PICTURES OF ADJACENT BUILDINGS AND HOTEL INTOURIST ALSO DESIRED. DEPARTMENT WILL REPLACE FILM USED. PLEASE SEND UNDEVELOPED ROLLS TO EUR/SOV (MISCH) AND INDICATE ASA FILM SPEED USED.

4. DEPARTMENT LOOKS FORWARD TO RECEIVING REPORT OF SOVIETS' LATEST OFFER. WE WILL COMMENT SEPTEL ON POSSIBILITY OF BREAKING OUR NEEDS DOWN, BUT FEEL IT IS BEST AT THIS TIME TO STAND FIRM ON OUR ORIGINAL DESIDERATA OF DECEMBER 30 NOTE. EMBASSY SHOULD CONTINUE TO REMIND SOVIETS THAT USG EXPECTS THAT OFFERS OF PROPERTY FOR KIEV WILL COVER ALL ASPECTS OF REQUIREMENTS WE HAVE SPELLED OUT TO THEM. INGERSOLL UNQUOTE
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